

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Hancock, s.s.

State of Maine

To Heidi Farley, a resident of the Town of Tremont

### GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to warn and notify the inhabitants of the Town of Tremont, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Tremont Community Center in said Town, on Monday, May 9, 2005 at one o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on Article 1 by Secret Ballot. And immediately thereafter the voters shall act on Articles 2 until eight o'clock in the evening.

And to notify and warn said voters to reconvene at the Tremont Community Center on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at six thirty o'clock in the evening then and there to act on Articles 3 through 50 all of said Articles being set forth below, to wit:

Art. 1 To elect by written Secret Ballot a Moderator to preside at said meeting. (NOTE: The Moderator is nominated from the floor with a second. At least three (3) registered voters must cast a written Secret Ballot to elect a Moderator.)

Art. 2 To elect by a written Secret Ballot in accordance with the provisions of Title 30-A, M.R.S.A. Section 2528, the following Town Officers and Officials:

One (2) Selectmen-Overseer of the Poor for a three (3) year period.

Two (2) School Committee Members for a three (3) year period

Art. 3 To see if the voters of the Town of Tremont will vote to authorize a majority at least of the municipal officers of the Town to borrow on behalf of the Town an amount up to but not to exceed the principal sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.) and to issue and sell for that purpose a general obligation security or securities of the Town of Tremont in the form of bonds or notes, the proceeds to be used for the Bass Harbor Dredging project. Such bonds or notes to be issued on such terms and conditions as may be determined by a majority at least the municipal officers of the town: and to further authorize the municipal officers to execute such documents and take any and all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish this financing on behalf of the Town.

Warrant Committee recommends passage. Selectmen recommend passage.

- Art. 4 To see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Tremont will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend \$1,046,385) and to see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Tremont will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688 for the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

Hand Count Required	School Board recommends <b><u>\$ 865,428</u></b>
Warrant Committee recommends passage.	Selectmen recommend passage.

Explanation: The Town of Tremont's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

- Art. 5 To see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Tremont will raise for the annual debt service payments on a non-state-funded school construction project in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Town of Tremont's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 8 for the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

Hand Count Required	School Board recommends <b><u>\$ 143,858</u></b>
Warrant Committee recommends passage.	Selectmen recommend passage.

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the Town of Tremont's long-term debt for major capital school construction that is not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was approved by the voters as follows: Tremont School Addition & Renovations approved May 11, 1998; Revolving Renovation Grant approved February 9, 2004.

- Art. 6 To see what sum the voters of the Town of Tremont will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes (Recommend: \$915,900) for the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$768,258?

Written Ballot Vote Required	School Committee recommends <b><u>\$ 915,900</u></b>
Warrant Committee recommends \$912,900.	Selectmen recommend \$912,900.

Reason: To raise additional monies in order to fully fund the 2005-06 budget.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above

the Town of Tremont's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual debt service payment on non-state-funded school construction projects that will help achieve the Town of Tremont's budget for educational programs.

- Art. 7 To see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Tremont will authorize the School Board to expend for Instruction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006, from the Town of Tremont's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools.

Hand Count Required	School Board recommends <b><u>\$1,330,612</u></b>
Warrant Committee recommends passage.	Selectmen recommend passage.

- Art. 8 To see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Tremont will authorize the School Board to expend for Operations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006, from the Town of Tremont's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools.

Hand Count Required	School Board recommends <b><u>\$305,778</u></b>
Warrant Committee recommends passage.	Selectmen recommend passage.

- Art. 9 To see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Tremont will authorize the School Board to expend for Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006, from the Town of Tremont's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools.

Hand Count Required	School Board recommends <b><u>\$252,540</u></b>
Warrant Committee recommends passage.	Selectmen recommend passage.

- Art. 10 To see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Tremont will authorize the School Board to expend for Capital Outlay for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006, from the Town of Tremont's contribution to the total cost of

funding public education from kindergarten to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools.

Hand Count Required	School Board recommends <b><u>\$55,500</u></b>
Warrant Committee recommends passage.	Selectmen recommend passage.

- Art. 11 To see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Tremont will authorize the School Board to expend for Debt Service for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006, from the Town of Tremont's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools.

Hand Count Required	School Board recommends <b><u>\$143,858</u></b>
Warrant Committee recommends passage.	Selectmen recommend passage.

- Art. 12 To see what sum the Inhabitants of the Town of Tremont will authorize the School Board to expend for Contingency for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006, from the Town of Tremont's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 8 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools.

Hand Count Required	School Board recommends <b><u>\$ 19,000</u></b>
Warrant Committee recommends 16,000.	Selectmen recommend 16,000.

- Art. 13 In addition to the amount in Article 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, shall the Town appropriate and authorize the School Board to expend additional state, federal and other funds received during the fiscal year 2005-2006 for school purposes, provided that such additional funds do not require the expenditure of local funds not previously appropriated?

Current Year Totals: \$122,965.	School Board recommends passage.
Hand Count Required	
Warrant Committee recommends passage.	Selectmen recommend passage.

**Note: Articles 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 equal a total budget of \$2,107,288**

**Note: Articles 4, 5 & 6 equal a total town appropriation of \$ 1,925,186**

- Art. 14 To see if the Town will vote to set the date of commitment as the date when all personal property and real estate taxes for the municipal year 2006 shall become due and payable, and that the maximum rate of interest (7.75) that can be charged per Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 505.4 shall be charged on all real estate and personal property taxes remaining unpaid after sixty (60) days from that date.

Warrant Committee recommends passage.

Selectmen recommend passage.

- Art. 15 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell or convey any real estate acquired by the Town under expired tax lien mortgages on such terms as they may deem proper and to execute release deeds in behalf of the Town to the purchasers of such property. If the property is to be sold, notice of such sale shall be in a local newspaper at least two (2) weeks prior to such sale and the time and place of sale shall be designated. Such sale shall be to the highest bidder except that the prior owner may purchase the property for all taxes, interest penalties and costs then due, plus all costs of the sale to be paid to the Tax Collector in full prior to such sale.

Warrant Committee recommends passage.

Selectmen recommend passage.

- Art. 16 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen or the Town Manager, acting in concurrence with said Selectmen, to apply for and/or accept and expend, on behalf of the Town, money from Federal, State, other governmental units or private sources which may be received, from time to time, in the form of grants or for any other purpose, during the period 7/1/2005 to 6/30/2006.

Warrant Committee recommends passage.

Selectmen recommend passage.

- Art. 17 To see if the Town will vote to have unexpended balances and overdrafts in the Town accounts at the end of the fiscal year, except those which remain by law or are deemed necessary by the Board of Selectmen, lapsed to surplus.

Warrant Committee recommends passage.

Selectmen recommend passage.

- Art. 18 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to pay the Board of Selectmen-Overseers of the Poor an annual compensation of \$40.00 per meeting and Chairman \$45.00 per meeting, up to thirty-six (36) meetings, for their time spent in behalf of the Town.

Warrant Committee recommends passage.

- Art. 19 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a scale of wages for all Town employees, other than the Board of Selectmen/Overseers of the Poor.

Warrant Committee recommends passage.

Selectmen recommend passage.

- Art. 20 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease the Alewife Fishway at the outlet of Seal Cove Pond to that person, persons or corporation which in their judgment will conduct the Fishway to the best advantage of the fish as well as the Town and set terms of the lease and regulate the Fishway in behalf of the Town.

Warrant Committee recommends passage. Selectmen recommend passage.

- Art. 21 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$ 418,080.00, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for GENERAL ADMINISTRATION purposes.

Warrant Committee recommends passage. Selectmen recommend \$418,080.00, \$190,000.00 from Taxation, \$180,000.00 from Revenue, \$48,080.00 from surplus.

- Art. 22 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$19,200.00, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for INSURANCE.

Warrant Committee recommends passage. Selectmen recommend \$19,200.00 from taxation.

- Art. 23 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$147,000.00, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for PROTECTION.

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>W.C.</u>
Fire Department	\$36,550.00	\$36,550.00
Dispatch Services	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Animal Control	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 2,450.00
Law Enforcement	<u>\$100,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>
	\$147,000.00	\$147,000.00

Warrant Committee recommends \$147,000.00 Selectmen recommend \$147,000.00;

\$59,000.00 from taxation and \$88,000.00 from surplus.

- Art. 24 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$78,615.00, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for DEBT SERVICE.

Town Wharf (2 of 5)	\$32,990
Fire Truck (1 of 5)	\$25,853
Municipal Garage (2 of 5)	<u>\$19,772</u>
	\$78,615

Warrant Committee recommends passage. Selectmen recommend \$78,615.00 \$45,625.00 from taxation and \$32,990.00 from Wharf Reserves.

- Art. 25 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$60,440.00, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for RECREATION purposes.

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>WC</u>
Recreation Board	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Bass Harbor Mem. Lib.	\$ 24,600.00	\$24,600.00
Harbor House	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Community Building	<u>\$ 21,840.00</u>	<u>\$21840.00</u>
	\$ 60,440.00	\$60,440.00

Warrant Committee recommends passage. Selectmen recommend \$60,440.00; \$24,564.00 from taxation and \$15,876.00 from revenue, and \$20,000.00 from surplus.

- Art. 26 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$232,300.00, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for PUBLIC WORKS.

Summer Maint.	\$ 100,000.00
Winter Road Maint	\$ 93,500.00
Town Equipment	\$ 7,000.00
Equipment Maint. & Repair	\$ 2,000.00
Septic Sludge	\$ 1,000.00
Street Lights	\$ 12,800.00
Cemetery Care	\$ 6,000.00
New Garage maint. & repair	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
	\$232,300.00

Warrant Committee recommends 232,300.00 Selectmen recommend \$232,300.00, from Revenue.

- Art. 27 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$155,500.00, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for SOLID WASTE disposal.

Warrant Committee recommends 155,500.00. Selectmen recommend \$155,500.00; \$150,000.00 from taxation and \$5,500.00 from surplus.

- Art. 28 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$2,821.00 the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for ADD (Acadia Disposal District).

Warrant Committee recommend \$2,821.00 Selectmen recommend \$2821.00 from taxation.

- Art. 29 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$2,500.00 the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE.

Warrant Committee recommend \$2,500.00. Selectmen recommend \$2,500.00 from taxation

- Art. 30 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$42,609.00, the Town will raise and/or appropriate for the BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND SERVICES.

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>W.C.</u>
Planning Board	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00
Board of Appeals	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Seal Cove Fishway	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
SWH-Tremont Nurs. Service	\$28,034.00	\$28,034.00
Memorial Day Flags	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00
Seal Cove Ramp Operations	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Tremont Historical Soc.	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
	\$ 42,609.00	\$42,609.00

Warrant Committee recommends passage. Selectmen recommend \$42,609.00; \$36,159 from taxation, \$2,2000.00 from surplus and \$4,000.00 from revenue.

- Art. 31 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$3,240.00 the Town will raise and/or appropriate for the Tremont Fire Department matching portion of a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for a \$61,560.00 to purchase rescue equipment. If FEMA grant is not received by the Fire Department no monies shall be expended under this article.

Warrant Committee recommends 3,240.00. Selectmen recommend \$3,240.00 from taxation.

- Art. 32 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$3,105.00 the Town will raise and/or appropriate for ISLAND EXPLORER.

Warrant Committee recommends \$3,105.00. Selectmen recommend \$3,105.00 from taxation.

- Art. 33 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$1,529.00 the Town will raise and/or appropriate for AMERICAN RED CROSS.

Warrant Committee recommend \$100.00, Selectmen recommend \$100.00.

- Art. 34 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$150.00 the Town will raise and/or appropriate for HOSPICE OF HANCOCK COUNTY.

Warrant Committee recommend \$150. Selectmen recommend \$150. from taxation.

- Art. 35 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$300.00 the Town will raise and/or appropriate for YESTERDAY'S CHILDREN.

Warrant Committee recommend not to fund, Selectmen recommend not to fund.



Art. 36 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$297.00 the Town will raise and/or appropriate for DOWNEAST TRANSPORTATION.

Warrant Committee recommends \$297.00, Selectmen recommend \$297.00 from taxation.

Art. 37 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$750.00 the Town will raise and/or appropriate for ISLAND CONNECTIONS.

Warrant Committee recommends \$750.00 Selectmen recommend \$750.00 from taxation.

Art. 38 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$1,500.00 the Town will raise and appropriate for BAR HARBOR FOOD PANTRY

Warrant Committee recommends \$1,500.00, Selectmen recommend \$1,500.00 from taxation.

Art. 39 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$1,170.00, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for DOWNEAST HEALTH SERVICES.

Warrant Committee recommends \$1,170.00, Selectmen recommend \$1,170.00 from taxation.

Art. 40 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$598.00, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for WASHINGTON HANCOCK COMMUNITY AGENCY.

Warrant Committee recommends \$598.00, Selectmen recommend \$598.00 from taxation.

Art. 41 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$6,000.00, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for GENERAL ASSISTANCE.

Warrant Committee recommends \$6,000.00. Selectmen recommend \$6,000.00 from taxation.

Art. 42 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$12,500.00, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for CONTINGENCY.

Warrant Committee recommends \$12,500.00. Selectmen recommend \$12,500.00 from taxation.

- Art. 43 To see what sum of money not to exceed \$132,000.00, the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for RESERVES.

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Warrant Committee</u>
Community Building	\$ 22,000.00	\$22,000.00
Proposed Municipal Building	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Town Truck	\$ 6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Seal Cove Ramp Com Res.	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Town Equipment	\$ 3,000.00	\$3,000.00
	<u>\$132,000.00</u>	<u>\$132,000.00</u>

Warrant Committee recommends \$132,000.00. Selectmen recommend \$132,000.00; \$130,000.00 from taxation and \$2,000.00 surplus.

- Art 44 To see if the Town will vote to apply all Harbor Revenue (mooring fees, boat excise taxes, harbor fines and any other harbor revenue) to the Harbor Management Reserve Account and appropriate funds from Harbor Management Reserve to pay Harbor Management Expenses (Harbor Management Repairs & Maintenance, 1/3 Harbormasters Salary)

Warrant Committee recommends passage. Selectmen recommend passage.

- Art. 45 To see if the Town will vote to apply all Wharf Revenue (wharf use fees, wharf house rent, wharf garage rent, wharf impact fees, wharf fines and any other wharf revenue) to the Wharf Reserve Account and appropriate funds from Wharf Reserve to pay Wharf Expenses ( Wharf Loan, repairs & maintenance to wharf, wharf house, and wharf garage, 1/3 Harbormasters Salary)

Warrant Committee recommends passage. Selectmen recommend passage

- Art 46 To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of one million four hundred twelve thousand ninety-nine dollars (\$1,412,099.) established for Tremont by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Written Ballot Vote Required.

Warrant Committee recommends passage. Selectmen recommend passage

- Art. 47 Shall the Harbor Ordinance of the Town of Tremont be amended? (Copies available at the Town Clerk's Office.)

Harbor Committee recommends passage. Selectmen recommend passage.

Art. 48 Shall the Wharf Ordinance of the Town of Tremont be amended? (Copies available at the Town Clerk's Office.)

Harbor Committee recommends passage. Selectmen recommend passage.

Art. 49 Shall the Tremont Dog Ordinance be enacted as amended ? (Copies available at the Town Clerk's Office.)

Art. 50 Shall the Tremont Subdivision Ordinance be enacted as amended according to the amendment proposed in Item No. 1. (Copies available at the Town Clerk's Office.)

Given under our hands at Tremont, Maine this 11th day of April 2005

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Dean Tozier

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Alden Gray

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Steven Harper

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Charles Dillon

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Scott Grierson

Selectmen of the Town of Tremont